

VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

December 5, 2017

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The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Jean Luddy at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery. Members present were Jean Luddy, Judy Hany, Stuart Edwards, and Norine Edwards. Absent was Lois-Jane Tonski. Also present were Superintendent Alan West and Secretary Carol Nelson.

Citizen's Forum – No members of the public were present.

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017 – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Judy Hany and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Employee Status – Two seasonal employees have finished working. One other will work through the end of the year and another will be working one day a week.
- b. Storm Tree Damage - The storm at the end of October resulted in several large limbs down with monuments and markers moved. The staff was able to right them and remove the limbs. One large tree along the Hale Street property line lifted the sidewalk and required professional removal. Another along the property line at Dobson Cemetery will require access through an abutter's property. Permission was obtained by the neighbor.
- c. Tall Monument Straightening - A few dozen tall monuments were straightened by the staff using the backhoe and straps. Crushed stone was placed under the bases to level them. These leaning monuments were becoming a safety hazard and were unsightly. Although this is a temporary fix, it will last for years.
- d. Brick Memorial Walkway – Fourteen bricks have been sold: eight large and six small. The engraving is currently being done and it is hoped that they will be delivered this week for installation prior to winter. The bricks have been and are continuing to be advertised in the Events Magazine.

Unfinished Business

- a. Wreaths Across America – December 16, 2017 – This annual event has been scheduled for noon on Saturday, December 16. Plans are similar to prior years.

New Business –

- a. Setting Meeting Dates for 2018 – Meetings will again be held on the first Tuesday of the last month of each quarter. A motion was made by Stu Edwards, seconded by Norine Edwards and

unanimously approved to set the dates for 2018 regular meetings on March 6, June 5, September 4 and December 4.

- b. Financial Report FY 16-17 – The report annual financial report was distributed to the members. The report included the number of burials for the fiscal year as well as fund balances.

Any Other Business – Office hours for the cemetery office may be reduced due to inactivity. It may be opened one day a week with more hours in spring and summer.

A service of monument cleaning by the cemetery staff may be offered with a fee charge. A few monuments were cleaned successfully.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. with a motion made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Judy Hany.

Approved:

*June 5, 2018*



Carol S. Nelson

Cemetery Secretary